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THE RPA MEETS SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, VICK B & EAST AVE.



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DECEMBER 1989

**PROGRAM
FOR
DECEMBER 14, 1989**

A slide show entitled Orphans Preferred will be shown at the only December meeting. This is the story of the Pony Express. Show time is 8pm.

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TIME!



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RATES!

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TELEGRAMS

Sent to Fort Kearney on the mornings of MONDAY and FRIDAY, will connect with PONY leaving St. Joseph, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.

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PROPOSAL

It has been proposed that the three (3) meeting requirement for membership in the RPA be lifted and membership be allowed upon the paying of one years' dues and with proper membership application.

This proposal was made with the idea that membership drives at stamp shows could be done. We have been invited on numerous occasions to host a club table at different events. At these events interested collectors would be able to sign up for membership and hopefully become an active club member.

Discussion will be heard at our December 14th meeting. A ballot will be in the January newsletter and the proposal will be voted on during the 2nd January meeting. Watch in the Hinges & Tongs for further details.

VICE-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE by Brad Sterling

The Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies, is an organization of approximately 28 member clubs. One of the things that the Federation does for its membership is to help member clubs communicate with one another. This is done in two ways. One is that the club representatives attend Federation meetings carrying information back and forth on what the Federation and clubs are doing. The other is our Federations' monthly newsletter the Stamp Insider. The Insider carries information on the stamp hobby and what the Federation and member clubs are doing. The Stamp Insider has earned a Certificate of Award (1988) from the American Philatelic Association.

The Federation of Clubs does other things as well. We attempted to form an inter-club library, which did not come to pass due to lack of club support. The Federation paid for the copywrite on the Lou Gehrig issue so that any member club could make First Day Covers without legal problems. The Federation is looking into liability insurance (such as the RPA has) so that all member clubs can have quality insurance coverage at prices they can afford.

Just as individual clubs depend on their members for survival and its operation, so does the Federation depend on its member clubs for its survival and operation. As a member club you can not expect to get more out of the Federation than you are willing to give back. The Federation needs people to make it work.

Our Federation is sponsoring the EMPEX-90 show October 31 to September 3, 1990. We need your help to produce a successful show.

Yes we have a core of dedicated people who have much of the planning done already, however we need more involvement before and during the show. Volunteer your expertise by contacting either Rich Kase at 381-1654 or myself at PO Box 19312, Rochester, NY 14619. Or just come up to either one of us at a club meeting and ask us about volunteering your services.

Thank You,
Brad



CURRENT CACHETS

First Day Cachets

PREHISTORIC ANIMALS Oct. 1, city of postmark is unknown. Cachet depicts prehistoric animals: \$1.50 each (\$2.50/block 4), plus #10 SASE. Rochester Philatelic Association, Box 10206/DSC, Rochester, NY 14 (4878)

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LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Last year during the month of April the RPA was responsible for philatelic displays at two local libraries, the Rundel Library, 115 South Ave. and the Maplewood branch at 1111 Dewey Avenue. I received many good comments about the exhibits and a few people at ROPEX-89 mentioned having seen them. The exhibits are under glass and not in direct sun light. As a result I have reserved the cases again next year for the month of March during ROPEX-90. Anyone having one or two pages of philatelic related items and are interested in putting them on display should contact me at 588-5433 daytime or see me at a meeting. I will need to have the items no later than the last meeting in February. No identification of owner will show while on display. Joe Doles

TRIP CANCELED

The bus trip that was scheduled for Nov.17-19 to WORLD STAMP EXPO'89 in Washington, DC was canceled due to not being able to guarantee a minimum of 35 people. We missed that amount by fewer than ten and we had at least twenty-five disappointed members.

Early response is the key to success for this kind of program and if we get another chance for such an event, please, promote it to other interested folks before its too late to sign on. This is what happened this time. Several interested people checked it out after the shut off date imposed on us by the Bus Company." We would have been able to go if we had only known in time", was the comment of some of the non RPA collectors!

EVENTS OF INTEREST

The following is a list of upcoming programs of interest in the area:

1990

January 12, 13 & 14
PHIL-EX STAMP SHOW
Toronto, Canada
Royal York Hotel

January 26, 27 & 28
BUFFALO STAMP SHOW
Ramada Inn
6643 Transit Rd.
Fri. 12-9pm
Sat & Sun 10-5pm

February 9, 10 & 11
NIAGARA FALLS STAMP SHOW
Ramada Inn
558 79th. St.
Sat. 10-6pm
Sun. 10-5pm

February 24, 25 & 26
DOME ARENA
(Minnett Hall)
Monroe County Fair Grounds
E. Henrietta Rd.
Sat. 10-6pm
Sun. 10-5pm

GMF TOUR

Joe Gorsuch, RPA member and past president of the Kodak Stamp Club has made arrangements for a tour of the General Mailing Facility on Jefferson Road. This is a tour for his youth group to expose them to the behind the scenes operation of the post office. Joe has extended an invitation to both the RPA and the Kodak Stamp Club member to take the tour on Wednesday, January 24, 1990 at 6:30pm. The Philatelic Center will be open until 7:30pm. Phone reservations are required so that the post office staff can be equipped to handle the group. You can phone Joe Gorsuch at 588-2140 or Joe Doles at 588-5433 days.

Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.
Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

INCOME

Membership dues prepaid	\$160.00
Membership Dues	615.00
Interest/Checking	210.71
Interest/C.D.	366.23
Donations	107.00
Penny stamp box	.67
Auctions	27.65
Refreshments	112.48
* ROPEX-89	651.83
Copies for others - on RPA copier	6.25
To General Operations of Association from ROPEX-89	1,297.92
ROPEX-89 Postage	100.00
Banquet money	306.00
Refunds	165.00
Exhibit Frame Fund raised during 88/89 RPA year	5,071.94

TOTAL \$ 9,198.68

Financial Status 6/30/89

\$ 9,557.10 Total 6/30/88

DISBURSEMENTS

Copier Service Contract 1989 -1990	\$264.00
Copier Photo Drum	86.70
Copier toner	86.00
Copier paper	44.42
Office supplies	31.11
Copies, other postage	79.72
Awards and prizes	75.46
Hinges & Tongs (Postage)	245.03
Rent - meeting room	267.50
Rent - Post Office Box	28.00
Insurance	336.00
Sunshine fund/memorials	5.59
Library books	89.95
Programs for meetings	165.97
Refreshments	109.80
Dues/other clubs &/or publications	55.00
* ROPEX-89	100.51
Telephone calls	39.14

- 627.37 Transfers			
\$ 8,929.73	Total 9/3/88	Bank	354.45
+9,198.68	Total income 88/89 yr.	Representatives fees to	
\$18,128.41	Total before expenses	Federation meetings	34.41
-5,239.06	Total expenses 88/89 yr		
\$12,889.35	Total 6/30/89	APS circuits/Ins.& postage	24.36
Financial Status 6/30/89		Attorney fees	172.70
Cash-on-hand	\$ 105.25	ROPEX - trade postage left	
Savings-actual value as of		over from frame fund	
6/30/89 includes interest	5,619.57	projects	100.00
RPA checkbook balance	1,440.76	Exhibit Frame Fund	
*ROPEX checkbook balance	651.83	Project expenses	2,443.24
		TOTAL	\$5,239.06
Exhibition Frame Fund	5,071.94		
TOTAL	\$ 12,889.35		

* Page Comments

All monies left in the ROPEX checking account, with the exception of \$500.00, must be kept in it to eliminate service charges put on it by the bank. At a Board of Governors meeting, it was decided that the amount left in the account after all bills were paid, should be indicated as income or under disbursements as seed money for the next ROPEX.

REPORT FROM FRAME FUND COMMITTEE

\$5,000.00 was voted by the membership, to be given to the Frame Fund Committee, to be used for any expenses that would have to be covered, in order to get a project financed, without having to get the membership's approval for additional funding. It would become a part of the total used to purchase new frames whenever that total was reached.

\$2,443.24 Expenses of Frame Fund Committee to 6/30/89

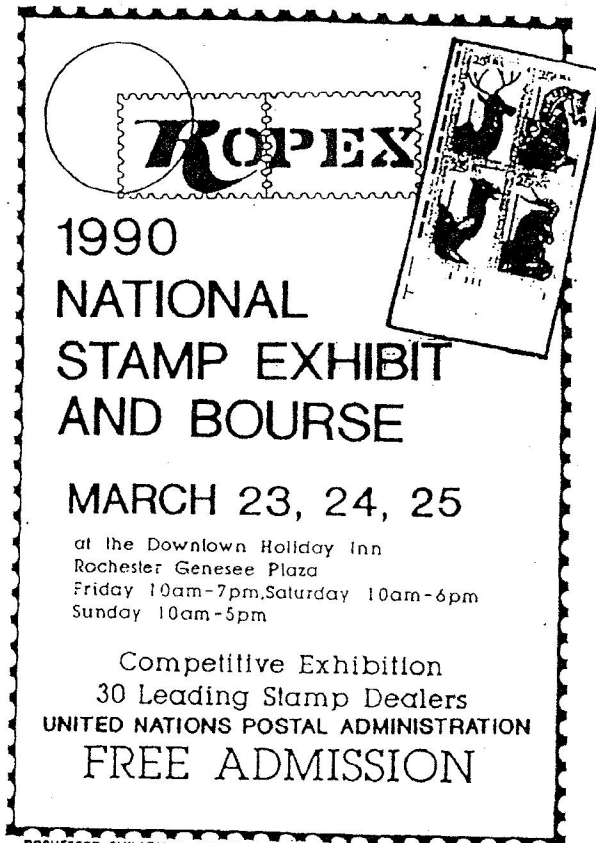
\$5,071.94 Income raised by Frame Fund Committee from 6/30/88 to 6/30/89

\$ 466.85 Income raised by Frame Fund Committee from March 1988 to June 30, 1988.

\$3,095.55 Actual additional monies to Frame Fund or \$8,095.55 that would be used to purchase new frames whenever final total needed was reached.

ONE FRAME COMPETITION

This is the time to start planning for the annual one frame competition that is held every year before the ROPEX Show. Remember the winner gets free frames at the ROPEX Show. More details will be in future issues of the Hinges and Tongs. I hope to see more RPA members get started in exhibiting.



ROPEX
1990
NATIONAL
STAMP EXHIBIT
AND BOURSE

MARCH 23, 24, 25

at the Downtown Holiday Inn
Rochester Genesee Plaza
Friday 10am-7pm, Saturday 10am-6pm
Sunday 10am-5pm

Competitive Exhibition
30 Leading Stamp Dealers
UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
FREE ADMISSION

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EMPEX '90
50th ANNIVERSARY C.N.Y. FEDERATION STAMP SHOW
HOSTING 35th ANNUAL A.F.D.C.S. NATIONAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3, 1990

FRIDAY - SUNDAY 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • MONDAY 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
NIGHT OWL BOURSE SATURDAY 4-11p.m.

Sheraton Inn Syracuse
Convention Center

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★ FREE ADMISSION ★ DOOR PRIZES ★ EXHIBITIONS
★ FREE PARKING ★ 100 DEALERS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

EMPEX '90, 38 CONGRESS AVE., ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14611

NEW PHILATELIC CLERK

Club member Ray Stone has been made the new philatelic clerk at the GMF on Jefferson Road. Ray has given me the hours that he will be on duty, and they are:

9:30am to 5:30pm

Monday - Friday

On the 4th Wednesday the hours are from 11am til 7:30pm.

The window is normally closed during lunch which is 1:30 to 2:30pm.

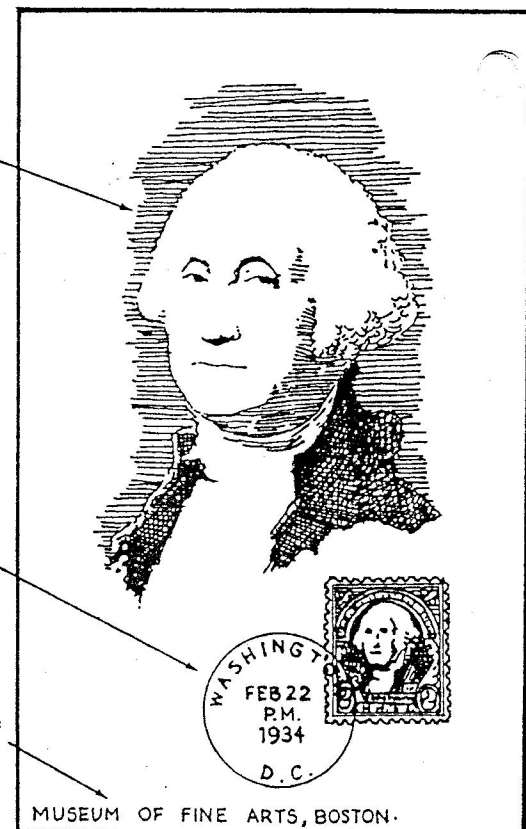
PHILATELIC WINDOW CLOSING

Due to vacations and inventory the Philatelic window at the Jefferson Road GMF will be closed from December 26, 1989 to January 2, 1990.

1. Picture on card same as on stamp

2. Postmark related to stamp subject

3. Card produced before and not for stamp issue



Maximum card: a picture postcard whose picture, affixed postage stamp and postmark are all linked in some way. Rules for a true maximum card are: 1. picture on card similar to stamp design (in this case, both show same painting of Washington); 2. postmark must be first day or relate in some way to the subject (town name Washington plus date of his birthday); 3. card should not have been produced specifically to duplicate the stamp.

HOLIDAY INVITATION

For the 4th year in a row the RPA members are invited to join in the festivities with the folks at the Kodak Stamp Club. Due to the holiday closings, the December meeting will be the third Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1989. The evenings' events are kiloware and refreshments.

Kiloware is from member donations and the refreshments are compliments of the Eastman Kodak Company.

It's suggested that anyone joining in the festivities bring some of their duplicates to add to the kiloware "pot".

The meeting is in the employee recreation building number 28 at the corner of Ridge Rd. West and Palm Street. This is between Lake Ave. and Dewey Ave. on Route 104.

Starting time is 7:30pm in the 2nd floor cafeteria.

ROPEX-90 UPDATE

All thirty dealer tables have been contracted for and a waiting list has been started in case there are any openings closer to show time.

The exhibits are filling up in record time and publicity is in full swing.

The show souvenir card is in its final stages and work has begun on the cacheted envelopes.

The show theme "150 Years of Women on Stamps" will have a special hand cancel for each day of the show (March 23, 24, 25) depicting our most famous woman, Lady Liberty.

Remember that we always can use your help throughout the planning stages as well as during the actual show. The next Ropex meeting will be held at Ada Prill's home on Friday Dec. 7, starting at 7:30pm. Any club officer can give you directions.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

1989 has been an excellent year for new members. Thirteen people have joined our ranks and they are:

James F. Scholl
Stanley A. Scheer
Andrew Dalmath
John J. Picarella
Doris Hollingshead
Justin Kase
Victoria Kase
Timothy J. King
William A. Kelsey
Whitney D. McMahon
Dr. Barry R. Culhane
David J. Kuhn
Lenard Metzger

The above are listed in the order they joined the RPA.

DUES REMINDER

The 90 day grace period for paying dues has passed.

Starting in January we will be reviewing our mailing list and any member not having paid their dues will be dropped from the membership roll. If you are still interested in the Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc. you still have time to be counted. Please send in your dues before the end of the year. Send them to the RPA, PO Box 10206, Brighton Station, Rochester, NY 14610. Attention: Club Treasurer.



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